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25X1 [redacted] Called Kempton Jenkins in the office of the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations, State Department, to discuss the Muskie amendment in the State Authorization bill, S. 3473 concerning the role of U. S. ambassadors. Jenkins stated that Representative Wayne L. Hays (D., Ohio), Chairman of the Subcommittee on State Department Organization and Foreign Operations, House Foreign Affairs Committee, is preparing a clean bill which will not include any of the amendments in the Senate bill. Hays has no specific objections to the Muskie amendment, but opposes all of the Senate amendments in general. According to Jenkins, if Hays is to make an argument against the Muskie amendment in conference, he should be briefed by the Agency on the problems we face. Further, if we want to modify the amendment, we should utilize the language in President Kennedy's letter to ambassadors dated May 27, 1961. Jenkins urged that we submit this language to him as soon as possible. It is his understanding, based on his conversation with George Cary, that we would not brief Hays until the bill goes to conference, which Jenkins estimates will be three to four weeks.

25X1 6. [redacted] Called Frank Seidl, OMB, and gave him the Agency's position concerning the proposed draft bill by the Civil Service Commission to revise adverse rulings and appeal procedures in the competitive service. I informed Seidl that after a careful review the Agency had determined that since all of our positions are excepted and do not come under the competitive service, we would not be affected by the provisions of the bill and therefore would offer no specific comments. Seidl considered my call sufficient and stated that a written Agency reply would not be necessary.

25X1 7. [redacted] Delivered to the offices of Senators Alan Cranston (D., Calif.), Dick Clark (D., Iowa), Vance Hartke (D., Ind.), John C. Stennis (D., Miss.), Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.), John Sparkman (D., Ala.), and Charles H. Percy (R., Ill.) [redacted] items in which their names were mentioned.

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